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Honorable Commissioner for Patents Washington, DC 20231

July 2, 2001 (Monday)

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed March 1, 2001, the period for response having been extended one (1) month to July 1, 2001, Applicants respectfully submit the following amendments and remarks in connection with the above-identified application.

REMARKS

Claims 1-9 and 11 are pending in the present application. Applicants have not raised any issue of new matter. Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to reconsider the assertion of the outstanding Office Action in light of the following remarks and attached 37 C.F.R. 1.132 Declaration.

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